

**In the Claims:**

1. (previously amended) A cable holding device for terminating a cable having a plurality of wires with a connector, the cable holding device comprising:

a housing having a plurality of slots arranged for positioning the plurality of wires in a fixed spaced relationship relative to each other and an inner surface configured for guiding a complementary surface of the connector into electrical engagement with the plurality of wires, the slots being formed on inner and outer walls of the housing, each of the slots on the outer walls corresponding with one of the slots on the inner walls to form a wire receiving path therebetween; and

a cutting device arranged proximate the outer walls for severing free ends of the plurality of wires.

2. (cancelled)

3. (previously amended) The device according to claim 1, further comprising a wire support structure arranged between the inner and outer walls of the housing and substantially aligned with the wire receiving path.

4. (original) The device according to claim 3, wherein the wire support structure includes a u-shaped slot arranged for receiving a terminal of the connector.

5. (cancelled)

6. (previously amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein the cutting device is arranged parallel to the outer walls.
7. (previously amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein the cutting device includes at least one blade configured to sever the plurality of wires substantially simultaneously.
8. (previously amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein the cutting device is movable from a non-cutting position to a cutting position by an end of the cutting device that projects from the housing.
9. (previously amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein the cutting device is mounted in the housing by a pin that is received in an elongated aperture formed in the cutting device.
10. (previously amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein the housing includes first and second housing parts configured to receive the cable therebetween to clamp the cable in the housing.
11. (currently amended) The device according to claim 10, wherein the first and second housing parts are connected via a hinge so that the first and second housing parts pivot between an open position and a closed position.

12. (previously amended) The device according to claim 1, further comprising an indicator panel arranged adjacent to the wire receiving path to designate which one of the plurality of wires is to be received in the wire receiving path.

13. (previously amended) A cable terminating apparatus for terminating a cable having a plurality of wires with a connector, the cable terminating apparatus comprising:

a housing having a plurality of slots arranged for positioning the plurality of wires in a fixed spaced relationship relative to each other;

a connector having a plurality of terminals corresponding to the plurality of wires;

a squeezing tool having a recess configured for receiving the housing and the connector, the squeezing tool having a moveable plate for urging the connector and the housing against a support wall and into engagement with each other to electrically connect the plurality of terminals with the plurality of wires; and

a cutting device arranged in the housing, the cutting device having an end portion that projects from the housing and engages the support wall to cause the cutting device to sever free ends of the plurality of wires.

14. (cancelled)

15. (previously amended) The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the slots are formed on inner and outer walls of the housing, each of the slots on the outer walls corresponds with one of the slots on the inner walls to form a wire receiving path therebetween.

16. (original) The apparatus according to claim 15, further comprising a wire support structure arranged between the inner and outer walls of the housing and substantially aligned with the wire receiving path.
17. (original) The apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the wire support structure includes a u-shaped slot arranged for receiving a terminal of the connector.
18. (original) The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the cutting device is arranged proximate the outer walls.
19. (original) The apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the cutting device is arranged parallel to the outer walls.
20. (previously amended) The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the cutting device includes at least one blade configured to sever the plurality of wires substantially simultaneously.
21. (previously amended) The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the cutting device is mounted in the housing by a pin that is received in an elongated aperture formed in the cutting device.
22. (previously amended) The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the support wall includes a rebated portion configured for receiving the end portion of the cutting device so that

the cutting device does not sever the free ends during engagement of the connector with the cable holding device.

23. (previously amended) A method of terminating a cable having a plurality of wires with a connector having a plurality of terminals, comprising:

positioning the plurality of wires in a housing in a fixed spaced relationship relative to each other;

aligning the connector with the housing by engaging an inner surface of the housing with a complementary surface of the connector;

pressing the connector and the housing against a support wall to urge the connector further into engagement with the housing to electrically connect the plurality of terminals with the plurality of wires;

severing free ends of the plurality of wires simultaneously with a cutting device; and

pressing an end portion of the cutting device that projects from the housing toward the housing so that a blade of the cutting device engages the plurality of wires.

24. (original) The method according to claim 23, further comprising placing the connector and the housing in a squeezing tool.

25. (cancelled)

26. (previously amended) The method according to claim 23, further comprising positioning the end portion of the cutting device adjacent to the support wall.